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OVERVIEW OF COLLECTION

Title: Charles Parrish Blitch papers

Date: 1870-2004, bulk 1931-1998

Extent: 7 boxes, 1 tube

Creator: Blitch, Charles Parrish, 1925-2007

Language: English

Repository: Zach S. Henderson Library Special Collections, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA. specolle@georgiasouthern.edu, 912-478-7819, library.georgiasouthern.edu.

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ABOUT THE COLLECTION

Biographical History: Charles Parrish Blich was born April 28, 1925, the son of the late W.H. and Lottie Parrish Blich, Jr. He was a 1942 graduate of Statesboro High School. In 1943 he joined the Army 5th Air Force, serving as a navigator in the South Pacific Theater until 1946.

After his discharge Blich enrolled at Georgia Teachers College (now Georgia Southern University) where he earned the BS Ed. Degree in 1948. He taught in Atlanta at Fulton High School and College Park High School, as well as Statesboro High School. While teaching in Atlanta he attended Emory University part-time and received the MS Ed. Degree in 1954. After teaching at Georgia Teachers College he entered the graduate school at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and was awarded the Ph.D in economics in 1966. Dr. Blich joined the faculty of Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Va., the same year. In the academic year 1974-75, he was appointed Visiting Professor of Economics at the University of Wales, Swansea. During his career Blich published several articles in professional journals and a book ([*The True Story of the Bulloch County Courthouse*](#)). He retired from Old Dominion University in 1990 and returned to his childhood home on South Zetterower Avenue in Statesboro, Georgia. In 1995 he acquired and restored his grandfather's (W. H. Blich, Sr.) plantation house ca. 1880, where he resided until his death.

Blich was a member of the Southern Economics Association, the Virginia Association of Economists, the American Economic Association, the History of Economics Society and the First Presbyterian Church of Statesboro.

Scope and Content: This collection features materials assembled by Charles Parrish Blich, which document personal and professional aspects of his family and life in Bulloch County. Materials span 1870-2004 and include newspaper clippings, photographs, booklets, correspondence, diplomas, and school annuals that highlight Blich's interests in local history and genealogy.

System of Arrangement: Materials are arranged by subject by the creator. General subject areas include local and family histories, legal documents and records, student publications and programs, additional local and family histories, academic achievements and awards, and additional legal documents. Series are not organized exclusively by box, as some boxes contain a mixture of the aforementioned areas.

Box 1: 0200104787599

Box 2: 0200104787607

Box 3: 0200104787383

Box 4: 0200104787391

Box 5: 0200105100859

Box 6: 0200105100073

Box 7: 0200105030734

Tube 1: 0200105100271

Acquisitions Info: Gift of the Charles Parrish Blich estate through his sister and executor, Charlotte Blich Minter, January 2008.

Access Points:

Blitch, Charles Parrish -- Archives
 Georgia Teachers College -- Faculty -- Archives
 Georgia Southern University -- Faculty -- Archives
 Old Dominion University -- Faculty -- Archives
 Statesboro High School -- Alumni and alumnae -- Archives
 Georgia Teachers College -- Alumni and alumnae -- Archives
 Georgia Southern University -- Alumni and alumnae -- Archives
 Georgia Southern University
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 Universities and colleges -- Georgia -- Faculty -- Archives
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 Universities and colleges -- Faculty
 Blitch (Ga.) -- History -- Archives
 Statesboro (Ga.) -- History -- Archives
 Bulloch County (Ga.) -- History -- Archives
 Georgia
 Georgia -- Blitch
 Georgia -- Bulloch County
 Georgia -- Statesboro
 Archives
 History
 Trivia and miscellanea

CONTAINER LISTING**Box 1:** 0200104787599

<u>Items</u>	<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Large folder: James Young Family (relatives) w/ misc items in envelopes Letters 8 ½ x 11 = 66 4 ¾ x 9 ½ = 2 7 ¾ x 11 = 4 6x9 = 105 6x8 = 3 6x7 = 2	1	1

<p> $6\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{3}{4} = 18$ $6\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 9$ $6\frac{1}{2} \times 9 = 1$ $5 \times 7 = 1$ $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11 = 1$ 6×9 (book) = 34 $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ (genealogy) = 7 $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ (confederate service) = 9 $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ (book clips) = 1 $8\frac{1}{2} \times 14$ (map) = 1 $4\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} =$ </p>		
<p> More on Blitch and Young families w/ info on Annie Blitch Simmons $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ (news clips) = 23 $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ (from internet) = 15 $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ (notes) = 27 $8\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ (notes) = 10 $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ (letter) = 1 $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ (photo) = 3 $8\frac{1}{2} \times 14$ (news clips) = 1 $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ (emails) = 4 $8\frac{1}{2} \times 14$ (notes from book) = 7 $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ (book clips) = 1 </p>	1	1-A
<p> History of Lucy Cobb Institute (where aunts Annie & Minnie studied) $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ (book clips) = 5 $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ (internet) = 5 $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ (photo) = 6 $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ (notes) = 2 $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ (news clips) = 11 6×9 (photo) = 2 $5\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ (letter) = 1 $3\frac{1}{2} \times 5$ (photo) = 1 </p>	1	2
<p> Miscellaneous w/ information on baseball in Bulloch County history $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ (news clips) = 9 $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ (book clips) = 5 $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ (notes) = 6 $8\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ (news clips) = 1 $8\frac{1}{2} \times 14$ (notes) = 1 $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ (email) = 1 $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ (letter) = 1 $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ (photo) = 1 $8\frac{1}{2} \times 14$ (book clip) = 1 </p>	1	3

8 ½ x 16 (newspaper) = 1		
Charleston earthquake of 8/31/1886 w/ local & regional notes and history 8 ½ x 11 (news clips) = 9 6 ½ x 8 (book clips) = 2 8 ½ x 11 (book clips) = 2 8 ½ x 11 (internet) = 4 8 ½ x 11 (notes) = 2	1	4
Julian Phillips journal of visit to CPB in 1999 w/ local events & people 8 ½ x 11 (letter) = 1 8 ½ x 14 (letter) = 1 8 ½ x 14 (book clips w/photos) = 8	1	5
Reprints of pages in books/journals on Blich family history. 8 ½ x 14 (deeds) = 1 8 ½ x 11 (book clips) = 15 8 ½ x 11 (genealogy) = 4 8 ½ x 11 (notes) = 2 7 x 12 (deed book) = 1 8 ½ x 11 (letters) = 18 3x5 (notes) = 1 8 ½ x 11 (historical society) = 24	1	6
Statesboro, Bulloch Co., Blich family history (newspaper clippings, etc.) 8 ½ x 11 (letter) = 3 6x9 (book clips) = 9 8 ½ x 11 (emails) = 1 8 ½ x 11 (book clips) = 4 8 ½ x 11 (news clips) = 99 8 ½ x 11 (notes) = 25 8 ½ x 11 (census) = 2 8 ½ x 11 (reg. card) = 2 8 ½ x 11 (map) = 2 8 ½ x 14 (deed bk) = 1 5x5 ½ (news clips) = 1 7 ½ x 13 (notes) = 5 8 ½ x 14 (notes) = 1 8 ½ x 11 (marriage license) = 2 13x24 (newspaper) = 4 4x9 ½ (envelopes-only 1 needed) = 3 8 ½ x 12 (deed book) = 2 6x8 ½ (map) = 1 8 ½ x 12 (notes) = 1	1	7

<p>Genealogy, Confederate Service, Blich family, et al.</p> <p>8 ½ x 11 (family history) = 5</p> <p>8 ½ x 11 (notes) = 2</p> <p>8 ½ x 11 (deed book) = 1</p> <p>8 ½ x 11 (confederate service) = 53</p> <p>8 ½ x 14 (book clip) = 1</p> <p>8 ½ x 11 (email) = 1</p> <p>8 ½ x 11 (internet) = 2</p> <p>8 ½ x 11 (map) = 1</p> <p>8 ½ x 11 (photo) = 3</p> <p>8 ½ x 9 (news clips) = 2</p> <p>8 ½ x 12 (news clips) = 2</p> <p>8 ½ x 11 (news clips) = 1</p> <p>8 ½ x 10 (records) = 1</p> <p>7x10 (records) = 2</p> <p>8 ½ x 11 (photos from book) = 2</p> <p>8 ½ x 14 (news clips) = 2</p>	1	8
<p>Opera House (Field's Opera House, Old Courthouse) History, etc.</p> <p>8 ½ x 11 (news clips) = 53</p> <p>8 ½ x 11 (notes) = 2</p> <p>8 ½ x 13 (notes) = 2</p> <p>12x17 (book clips) = 2</p>	1	9
<p>C. H. Parrish and G. R. Beasley families</p> <p>8 ½ x 11 (news clips) = 16</p> <p>8 ½ x 11 (notes) = 1</p> <p>8 ½ x 11 (marriage license) = 1</p> <p>2 ½ x 9 ½ (news clips) = 1</p>	1	10

Box 2: 0200104787607

<u>Items</u>	<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Envelope # 1 on CPB's Notes on Family and Local History	2	11
Envelope # 2 on CPB's Notes on Family and Local History	2	12
Envelope # 3 on CPB's Notes on Family and Local History	2	13
Envelope # 4 on CPB's Notes on Family and Local History	2	14
<p>Miscellaneous, unsorted notes & photos found in files of C.P.B.</p> <p>a. Important: poor photo & very good diagram of James Young's home, Old River Rd.</p> <p>b. Information from Lowndes County about Ashley Family</p>	2	15

(Blitch relatives)		
Census Records (Williams, et al) for 1850, etc. on C.P.B.'s J.P. Williams Research	2	16
Court Records of 1880s and 1890s: Moore Blitch re Loyalty to Union	2	17
Records (J. Young, Williams, et al) for 1850, etc. on C.P.B.'s J.P. Williams Research	2	18
Info. About Mary Thomas Young Ashley (C.P.B.'s Notes, Photo, and Records)	2	19
Kell Rifles, Gordon Military Institute & Related Info (photocopies, C.P.B.'s Notes)	2	20
Later Blitch Family Records and Notes by C.P.B.	2	21
W. H. Blitch Home & Store (C.P.B.'s purchase)	2	22
Samuel & Robert Hudson (Proof for DAC)	2	23
Rowan Johnson, Seaborn Johnson	2	24
Bulloch Co. at Jamestown Exposition, 1907	2	25
Blitch, GA, Blitch Home, Blitch Store	2	26
Wills and Deeds, Folder I (Blitch Home, Store, etc.)	2	27
Wills and Deeds, Folder II (Blitch Family History)	2	28
Early Blitch Family History, House (insurance policy, 1869, photos from 1940s)	2	29
Young-Blitch Family Bible Photocopies, and Information, Transcriptions	2	30
Young-Blitch Cemetery Information and Records	2	31
Blitch Family in Twentieth Century: Photocopies, Notes by C.P.B.	2	32
Sherman's March To The Sea: Notes, Photocopies	2	33
Blitch Family Obituaries (Harris, Ashley, Simmons, et al)	2	34
James Young Family Information (Photocopies, Notes)	2	35
Bronze door plate of "W.H. Blitch"	2	<i>Loose</i>

Box 3: 0200104787383

<u>Items</u>	<u>Box Number</u>
Blitch's scrapbook of Senior year at Statesboro High School, 1941-1942	3

Box 4: 0200104787391

<u>Items</u>	<u>Box Number</u>
Blitch's yearbooks: — The Criterion (Statesboro High School), 1931 (Mary Margaret Blitch, Senior; Carolyn Blitch, Sophomore); 1942 ; 1954 (2 copies; Parrish Blitch teacher, Charlotte Blitch Senior) — The Reflector (Georgia Teachers College) 1948, (Blitch's Senior year) — Forum (Fulton High School), 1951 (Blitch a teacher of mathematics)	4
Civil War photos: 24 cards, 1994	4
Scripts and programs of Senior plays at Fulton High School directed by Blitch: — Ramshackle Inn (1951) — Best Foot Forward (1952)	4
Historically first ... by Beth Crawford Parrish, 1977	4

Box 5: 0200105100859

<u>Items</u>	<u>Box Number</u>
The Titanic Commutator: The Official Journal of the Titanic Historical Society, Inc.: Vol. 14, no. 2, Summer 1990; Vol. 15, no. 1, Spring 1991; Vol. 15, no. 2, Summer 1991; Vol. 20, no. 3, 3rd quarter, Nov. 1996-Jan. 1997; Vol. 21, no. 1, 1st quarter, May 1997-July 1997; Vol. 23, no. 146, 1999; Titanic Historical Society, Inc. 25th Anniversary Convention Program, Sept. 1st-4th, 1988, Boston. Titanic: The Official Story, April 14-15, 1912. [Box containing facsimiles of documents relating to the Titanic and the	5

subsequent investigations of the disaster.] Dodge, Washington. The Loss of the Titanic, 1912. Lightoller, Charles H. Titanic, 1935, 1975. Rostron, Captain Sir Arthur H. The Loss of the Titanic, 1931, additional material 1975. Thayer, John B. The Sinking of the S.S. Titanic, April 14-15, 1912. 1940, additional material 1974. "Titanic" Disaster: Report of the Committee on Commerce, United States Senate. G.P.O., 1912. The Titanic Coloring Book, by Peter F. Copeland. Dover publications, 1997. 3 Titanic postcards, one signed by 5 Titanic survivors in 1988	
Banks, Smith C. A Bulloch Sampler, 1998.	5
Blitch, Parrish. The True Story of the Bulloch County Courthouse, 2004. [6 copies, 4 in envelopes]	5
Historic Downtown Statesboro Tour, 1993.	5
Parrish, Beth Crawford. Historically First ..., 1977. [2 copies]	5
Turner, David. Uncle Dave Said, ed. By Hulda K. Kelly, 1990.	5
Plaque from Omicron Delta Epsilon (Economics fraternity), 1982-1983	5

Box 6: 0200105100073

<u>Items</u> (from bottom)	<u>Box Number</u>
Color photo of Annie Laura Blitch Simmons, 1915	6
Lottie Parrish Blitch, membership in United Daughters of the Confederacy, April 1928	6
2 photographs of <i>The Minkovitz Hour</i> , WWNS-Radio, 1946	6
Formal photographic portrait of Charles Parrish Blitch, ca. 1950	6
Various family photographs of different periods: — Statesboro Institute; — Several of Blitch's years in high school; — The Entertaining Ten, 1942;	6

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Blitch's sisters in later life; — Wedding of Jack Averitt and Addie Dunnaway, 1948; — Friend Patty Holland; — Beasley grandparents in later life 	
<p>Various legal documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Deed of Dec. 1888 from Elizabeth Proctor to W.H. Blitch (14 acres on Swainsboro mail road); — Deed from J. George Waters to J.A. Brannen, Jan. 1919 (lot on Zetterower Ave.); — Deed from Statesboro Building and Loan Association to J. G. Waters, Jan. 1907 (Statesboro lot); — Deed from M.L. Glisson to E.L. Smith, Feb. 1905; — Deed from Hinton Booth, Administrator of J. George Waters, to H.T. Jones, Dec. 1923 (Zetterower Ave. lot); — Deed from Mrs. Lottie P. Blitch to Mrs. May Peebles, Oct. 1924 (Zetterower Ave. lot); — Deed from Mrs. Lottie P. Blitch to Mrs. Anna S. Potter, Oct. 1924 (Zetterower Ave. lot); — Deed from Mrs. Lottie Parrish Blitch to Homeowners' Loan Corp., April 1935 (Zetterower lot); — Paid bill to Mrs. Anna S. Potter by Mrs. Lottie P. Blitch, Oct. 1935, \$200; Sale of lot on North College St., Sept. 1936, by Mrs. Lottie P. Blitch, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Simmons; — Envelope stating payments in case of Mrs. Lottie P. Blitch v. W.H. Smith, last payment Dec.1939 (541/2 acres); — Court order respecting the right of Mrs. Marianne H. Lennard, executrix of estate of Mrs. Annie B. Simmons, to sell common stocks belonging to the estate, June 1957; — Last Will & Testament of Mrs. Lottie P. Blitch, April 1974. 	6
<p>Scattered copies of the Statesboro High School Hi-Owl:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Dec. 12, 1938; Jan. 23, 1939; Dec. 18, 1939; Oct. 14, 1940; Nov. 25, 1940; Dec. 16, 1940; Feb. 17, 1941; Dec. 22, 1941; April 6, 1942; Oct. 15, 1951; May 30, 1952 	6
<p>Scattered copies of the George-Anne:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Oct. 12, 1942; Nov. 2, 1942; Nov. 16, 1942; Jan. 11, 1943; Feb. 8, 1943; March 29, 1943; April 19, 1943; May 24, 1943; Oct. 27, 1947. <p>PLUS: Thornwell Life (Thornwell Orphanage, Clinton, SC) Sept. 1952</p>	6
<p>Diplomas & Certificates of Charles Parrish Blitch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Certificate of attendance, Statesboro School, 1933-1934; — Certificate of attendance, Statesboro Grammar School, 1936-1937; — Statesboro High school letter award in football, 1940; — Certificate of attendance, 1939-1940; — National Beta Club election, Dec. 1940; 	6

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Certificate of attendance, 1940-1941; — Certificate of honor, SHS, 93 average, May 1942; — Valedictorian award, 1942; — Diploma, SHS, May 1942; — Instructions to pledges, Jan. 1943; — Initiation certificate, Iota Pi Nu, April 1943; — Who's Who Among Students, GTC, 1947-1948 ed.; — Constructive leadership and unselfish service award, GTC, May 1948; — Bachelor of Science in Education, GTC, Aug. 1948; — Commencement program, GTC, Aug. 26, 1948; — Initiation, Kappa Phi Kappa, May 1957 	
<p>Certificates of Carolyn Young Blich:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Commencement program, South Georgia Teachers College, June 1937; — Bachelor of Science in Education, SGTC, June 1937; — Service award from American National Red Cross, Feb. 1970 	6
Diploma covers for Statesboro High School, South Georgia Teachers College, Georgia Teachers College	6
Blich family name history	6
Parrish Blich report cards from GTC, 1947-1949	6
<p>Vintage Blich family photographs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — W.H. Blich, Jr., with Elder sisters and other young men; — Negro in carriage behind Blich House, probably ca. 1900; — Large family group at potluck dinner at Blich House; — Percy Averitt, Lottie Parrish & other young people in automobile; — 2 photos of Percy Averitt & W.H. Blich in early autos; — Lewell Akins in later life; Old Walnut Tree; — Joel Blich & group of men before Statesboro Post Office, 1924) 	6
Typescript, 5 pages: "Milton Sydney Heath, 1894-1970", 1971	6
Expenses of the estate of Mrs. Lottie Parrish Blich, 1974	6
Commencement program, University of North Carolina, June 1966	6

Box 7: 0200105030734

<u>Items</u>	<u>Box Number</u>
Scrapbook of Carolyn Young Blich, consisting of tributes to her service to education, upon her retirement as teacher at William James Middle School,	7

Spring 1983.	
Correspondence of Charles Parrish Blicht with friends and his mother during World War II	7
Transcripts of this (above) correspondence	7

Tube 1: 0200105100271

<u>Items</u>	<u>Tube Number</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Diploma from Georgia Practical Business College, Macon, June 1870, to William H. Blicht — Diploma from Gordon Institute, Barnesville, June 1897, to William Homer Blicht — Diploma from Statesboro Institute, May 1909, to Lottie Parrish — Appointment of William H. Blicht as Statesboro Postmaster, Calvin Coolidge, February 1925 — Appointment of William H. Blicht as Statesboro Postmaster, Calvin Coolidge, January 1929 	1